**Elizabethan Age (1485-1625)**

**Timeline:**

* 1485—Henry VII begins reign (until 1509)
* 1509—Henry VIII begin reign (until 1547)
* 1534—Henry VIII breaks with the Roman Catholic Church
* 1558—Elizabeth I begins rule (until 1603)
* 1588 Sir Francis Drake begins sail around the world
* 1603—James I begins rule (until 1625)
* 1611—King James Bible

**Events/Life**

* Money as well as land became a source of power because commerce helped to make the nation rich
* Religious revolution called the Protestant Reformation, a protest against the Roman Catholic church’s actions, conduct, and beliefs; led by German monk Martin Luther and French-born theologian John Calvin
* Henry VIII aligned himself with this movement; he established the Church of England (Anglican Church) and made himself the head
* In 1588, during Elizabeth I’s rule England became a great sea power of the world when it defeated the Spanish Armada
* When Elizabeth I died in 1603, the throne passed to her cousin James, who became King James I of England and King James VI of Scotland and Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) had one monarch for the first time
* London became a great world capital with 100,000 population
* The Renaissance was a flowering of learning and rebirth in the sciences, arts, and all learning that flourished in ancient Greece and Rome

**Literature**

* Shakespeare wrote at this time
* Age of Poetry
* The translation of the Bible as directed by Kings James I raised the low estate of prose writing
* The sonnet (a popular form of lyric poetry)
* Masques—a very stylized form of drama that involved dancing
* *Ninety-Five Theses*by Martin Luther
* Cervantes wrote *Don Quixote*

James I’s death in 1625 marks the end of the period